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1. Troops in Zone B have not been on the alert in more than a year, according to source. There has been no evidence of any unusual military preparations in Zone B.
2. Autumn demobilization of the troops in Zone B who are approaching the completion of their tours of duty reportedly began on or about 20 October 1951. Almost daily several truck loads of soldiers were transported to Divaca, where they were discharged and furnished with transportation to their homes. As yet no replacements have arrived in Zone B.¹
3. During mid-September 1951, a meeting of all army officers in Zone B, Free Territory of Trieste, was held in Portoroz. Reportedly, the commanding officer of the troops in Zone B addressed the meeting. During the course of his speech, he allegedly made reference to De Gasperi's "aggressive statements" relative to the Free Territory of Trieste.
4. On 20 October 1951, Julij Beltrame purportedly made a speech in which he declared that Yugoslavia is now receiving arms with which she is preparing to defend herself against any possible future aggression on the part of Soviet Russia or her Satellites, and any attempt which might be made against her by De Gasperi's "band."

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1. **Comment:** Your attention is called to the following recent disseminations: [REDACTED] which reported an alleged state of alert in Zone B, Free Territory of Trieste. However, the latter did not substantiate the alleged state of alert.

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